



# LETCHWORTH ADULT EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENT

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## NEWSLETTER



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# SPRING FAIR AND PLANT SALE

**Saturday 6th May, 9:30 am—12 Noon**

**Get a Bargain — Come along to obtain your Plants and Cakes!!  
Bring your Friends — Enjoy a cup of coffee & scone !!**

This is The Settlement's Main Fundraising event of the year.

**What Stall is your Class/Group running this year?**

More Information will be distributed from the Office via your Class Register/Group Secretary.

**We will need lots of plants, homemade cakes, savouries, gifts, china & glass, etc to sell at the fair, so even if you are unable to attend on the day, please help us by sending something along for us to sell.**

Items suitable for Raffle Prizes are also required.

## SPRING & SUMMER SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

- 11<sup>th</sup> March** *Knotted Art* (Wendy Elizabeth) – far beyond the traditional macrame pot holder, this course explores the history of knotting and its development into a fascinating art. Learn the basic techniques.
- 11<sup>th</sup> March** *Card Making* (Barbara Carey) – Barbara will share her skills of producing beautiful cards for every occasion.
- 8<sup>th</sup> April** *Silk-Screen printing* (Linda Maynard) – Linda is widely known in her field. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to learn her techniques and share her expertise. Places limited.
- 8<sup>th</sup> April** *Using Photoshop Elements 3 or 4* (Colin Woodbridge) – An opportunity to learn more about organising, fixing and enhancing your digital photos.

**For further information, and to enrol, please contact The Settlement office.**

### NEW COURSES FROM APRIL 2006

We have some excellent 10 week courses starting after Easter for those who don't intend to spend all their time in the garden:

***Hollywood & the Cold War*** (Monday pm.)

Dr Norman Leighton looks at some of the most successful films ever made: Ben Hur, High Noon, Moby Dick etc, and their social and political agendas.

***Some More Buildings of London*** (Tuesday am.)

Madeline Edmead studies at some of London's fascinating buildings, both well-known and less familiar.

***Earth, Life & the Universe*** (Wednesday am.)

Dr Keith Tritton draws together astronomy and life sciences and explores the evolution of the Earth and life on it. Is there life elsewhere in the Universe?

***Shamans and Scientists, Aztec and Maya***

(Wednesday pm.) Dr Nicholas James explores Medicine and Astronomy, myths and rites, ancient tradition and Christianity. Are they of value to us all?

**We are enrolling now for these courses.**

**Please call at the office for information.**

### Settlement Fundraising Events

We require people to help distribute posters and publicity leaflets in advance of each fundraising event. Please see Sarah in the Office for more details.

Thank you to all who helped with the recent Flea Market. Over £700 was raised for Settlement Funds.

### SETTLEMENT MEMBERSHIP

**Have you renewed your membership this year?**

If you are attending one of the Settlement-run classes, or are a member of a Settlement Group, you should pay The Settlement's annual membership fee, an important part of our income (and you can enjoy discounts at local shops). Check with the office, if you are unsure. Better still, pay by Banker's order and you can then be confident that you are up to date! Thank you.

### ARMITAGE MEMORIAL LECTURE

**FRIDAY 28 APRIL at 7pm**

In the Kincaid Hall

### LIFE IN RUSSIA

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR LUDMILLA SELEZNEVA

Professor Selezneva will provide a unique insight into the roller coaster experience of life in modern Russia through her own and her family's personal experiences.

She will deal with the phenomenon of Mikhail Gorbachev and the struggle which led to the collapse of the Soviet Empire; the terrible consequences of the "shock therapy" of market reform in 1992 and the rise of Putin.

You will experience through her what it was like to bridge these three memorable periods of modern history. You will hear how the West, the outside world, was regarded and what life is really like in the developing Russian democracy.

A sweeping and riveting review of a political and social landscape in major upheaval, accompanied by a taste of Russian food and vodka, at an inclusive price of £10 per person.

## News from Settlement Classes & Groups

### SETTLEMENT STARS!

**Chelsea calls:** Working through the night of 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May, **Ione Woodger-Smith**, Settlement Flower-Arranging tutor, with her assistant **Tricia Foxton**, a Settlement student, will be creating a special floral display for the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show. They have been selected to take part in the group class competition. Ione's display 'Dreamboats' will cover a four-foot wide platform in the middle of one of the floral marquees. She is letting out no secrets, but has mentioned that height is not restricted and that her daughter's bed might be involved!

**Riding up the Mall:** **Val Aitken**, tutor to the Settlement Embroidery City & Guilds class, has recently been showing off her own work in an exhibition at The Mall Galleries, Trafalgar Square. This is the third year that The Prism Group, of which Val is a member, has exhibited at this gallery, last year attracting over 3000 visitors. The Group's work celebrates the diversity and range of new ideas and concepts in textile art today.

Two Settlement students **Mary Wooden** and **Ann Goodwin** have articles in *Popular Patchwork* magazine. Mary's Tac-Tile quilt, one of her City & Guild's Patchwork & Quilting assessment items, came to the editor's attention at the NEC quilt show. Mary was asked to design a cushion in the same technique for readers to make. Mary was a student of Barbara Weeks while Ann studied with Stephanie Pettengell. Ann's article illustrates the methods she used for creating her wonderful bag using layered sheer fabrics. This bag was originally displayed at our last exhibition, so you have seen the original! Congratulations and well done to them both.

Further accolades and our congratulations to City & Guilds patchwork & quilting students. The Quilter's Guild have requested to take Mary Wooden's Tac-Tile Quilt, as part of the British Isles selection of innovative new quilts. These will be shown at the Waterloo & County Area Quilt Festival Ontario Canada. **Jackie Smith** was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate as part of the Medals for Excellence Award, for the work she completed under Barbara Weeks.

### Letchworth Garden City Camera Club

The **Annual Exhibition** will be held at Letchworth Museum & Art Gallery, Broadway from 24th March until 22nd April. Open Mon-Sat 10-5 (closed Wednesdays and Bank Holidays).

### SETTLEMENT PLAYERS

**The Summer Production will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> — Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

Please see publicity nearer the time.

If you regularly come to watch Settlement Players' Productions, why not join the **Players Theatre Club**? Theatre Club Membership entitles you to reduced ticket prices for Players' Productions, advance notice of events and a special Club Night Performance. For more information, please contact The Theatre Club Secretary, Pat Baskerville, 19 Hillshott. Tel. 01462 623959

The **Induction Loop** in the Kincaid Hall has been upgraded to enable its use during Settlement Players Productions. Hearing Aid users should adjust their Hearing Aid to the "T" Setting.

### Letchworth Garden City Society

On **March 31** the Letchworth Garden City Society will have a return visit by Diane Haigh who will give an illustrated lecture on the work of M.H. Baillie Scott. Diane last spoke to us about Baillie Scott ten years ago, when she had recently published a book and curated an exhibition (which came to Letchworth) on this architect. Since then at least one significant Baillie Scott house, Blackwell, has been restored which alone will greatly increase the scope of her lecture. 7:30 Kincaid Hall, Admission £4, LGCS and LALG members £3 at the door.

### Letchworth Art Society

#### Spring Exhibition of Paintings

On the first floor above the Letchworth Library  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.**  
Opening times: 10.30am to 5pm (Saturdays to 4pm) closed Wednesday and Sunday.  
Admission free

### ART AUCTION

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**

An auction of original framed paintings by Settlement Artists, in aid of Settlement Funds. Please come along to buy a potential masterpiece!

If you can donate one of your pictures for sale, details & forms are available from the office: closing date for entries is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2006**

<b>MARCH</b> 11 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop	Knotted Art	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop	Card Making	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Visit	China : The Three Emperors. Royal Academy of Arts	
March 24 <sup>th</sup> - April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Camera Club Exhibition	Letchworth Museum & Art Gallery	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Letchworth Garden City Society	Diane Haigh on M.H. Baillie Scott	
<b>APRIL</b> 8 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop	Using Photoshop Elements 3 or 4	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop	Silk-Screen Printing	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Visit	RHS Hyde Hall	
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> - May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Art Society Exhibition	Letchworth Library	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Armitage Memorial Lecture	<i>Life in Russia</i>	7pm
<b>MAY</b> 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SPRING FAIR and PLANT SALE</b>		9:30-12
13 <sup>th</sup>	Visit	<i>RHS Spring Show, Malvern</i>	
<b>JUNE</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Visit	<i>Romeo &amp; Juliet</i> and <i>Antony &amp; Cleopatra</i> . Stratford-Upon-Avon.	
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ART AUCTION</b>		7pm
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Settlement Players Production		7:45pm
<b>JULY</b> 29 <sup>th</sup>	Visit	Compton Verney	

### **Letchworth Settlement Visits : Forthcoming Visits Now Booking**

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	China : The Three Emperors. Royal Academy of Arts
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	RHS Hyde Hall.
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	RHS Spring Show, Malvern
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<i>Romeo &amp; Juliet</i> and <i>Antony &amp; Cleopatra</i> . RSC, Stratford-Upon-Avon.
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<i>Julius Caesar</i> . RSC , Stratford-Upon-Avon.

#### **Future Programme—Bookings Open on 19<sup>th</sup> April:**

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Compton Verney
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Frogmore House & Savill Gardens
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Festival of Quilts, NEC Birmingham
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Watercolours & Drawings from the Collection of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother—at the Queen's Gallery
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Knitting & Stitching—Alexandra Palace.

**Booking forms will be available in the Common Room.** Please let me know if you would like to be added to the visits mailing list. Ideas for future visits are always welcome. Please send to 226 Nevells Road, Letchworth Garden City. Visits enquires to 01462 686321 **Roy Evans, Visits Department**

**Deadline for contributions for the next issue - 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

If your group contact has got an email address, please can you inform the office.  
We can then email you a couple of weeks before the deadline of each issue asking for contributions.